

**REMARKS**

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of February 3, 2009.

Claims 22, 25 and 26 are currently pending. Claims 22, 25 and 26 are currently amended and claim 23 is canceled. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

**The Office Action**

Claims 22, 23, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mukaiyama et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,631,407 (Mukaiyama) in view of Baller et al. U.S. Patent No. 7,254,7601 (Baller) and Frolik et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,982,804 (Frolik).

**Applicant's Response**

With regard to the rejection of claims 22, 25 and 26 as being unpatentable over Mukaiyama in view of Baller and Frolik, currently amended independent claim 22 and all claims depending therefrom, i.e. claims 25 and 26, now include further limitations to clearly define a distributed printing system which is not obvious in view of these prior art references. Specifically, but not limited to, the cited prior art does not disclose/teach a distributed printing system including a plurality of DMAs associated with a plurality of respective printing devices as presently claimed.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all remaining claims (Claims 22, 25 and 26) are now in condition for allowance. Moreover, since the foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this after final Amendment.

☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(3) NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	3	- 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	- 3 =	0

☒ This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Jeffrey N. Zahn, at Telephone Number (216) 363-9000.

Respectfully submitted,

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